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Peter Kirsanow

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Peter N. Kirsanow is an attorney and a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He was a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from January 2006 to January 2008.

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Education [edit]

Mr. Kirsanow received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1976 and then in 1979 received his J.D. cum laude from Cleveland–Marshall College of Law, where he served as articles editor of the Cleveland State Law Review.[1][2][3][4][5]

Career [edit]

Mr. Kirsanow served as labor counsel for the City of Cleveland and as senior labor counsel of Leaseway Transportation Corp.[3][5]

Mr. Kirsanow was appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by President George W. Bush in December 2001, but Chairwoman Mary Frances Berry told the White House that it would take federal marshals to seat Mr. Kirsanow, fighting his appointment all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In May 2002 the United States Department of Justice prevailed in its lawsuit to seat Mr. Kirsanow as a member of the Commission.[3][6] He was reappointed by President Bush to serve a second six-year term on the commission.[5]

President Bush appointed Mr. Kirsanow to the five-member NLRB in 2006 for two years, where was involved with significant decisions including Oakwood Healthcare, Inc., Dana/Metaldyne and Oil Capital Sheet Metal, Inc. In 2008, Mr. Kirsanow returned to the Cleveland law firm of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP, where he is a partner with the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group and a member of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. He represents management in employment-related litigation, contract negations, NLRB proceedings and EEO matters.[3][5]

Peter Kirsanow has written articles for *National Review* since 2003.[7] Mr. Kirsanow testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the nominations of John Roberts,[8] Samuel Alito,[9][10] Sonia Sotomayor[11][12][13] and Elena Kagan[14][15] to the Supreme Court.

Bar admissions & associations [edit]

- Ohio, 1979[4]
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 1984[4][5]
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit[5]

Memberships [edit]

- Past Chair of the Board of Directors, The Center for New Black Leadership[2][5]
- Member of the Advisory Board of the National Center for Public Policy Research[2]
- Adjunct Professor, Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 1992-1993[3][4][5]
- Member, National Labor Relations Board, 2006-2008[2][3][5]
- Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 2002- [2]

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- Peter Kirsanow at SourceWatch
- USCCR biography of Peter N. Kirsanow
- Profiles of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission Commissioners
- Press release about Kirsanow's returning to private practice [*dead link*]

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